

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 5061
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Eva WITT et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1742
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Application No.: 10/584,903	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: June 28, 2006	)	
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For: METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE	)	
OF AN AUSTENITIC PRODUCT AS	)	
WELL AS THE USE THEREOF	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
REPORT ON PATENTABILITY AND WRITTEN OPINION**

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached document.

Attached is an English-language translation of an International Preliminary Report on Patentability (“IPRP”) and Written Opinion mailed on July 13, 2006 that issued in related PCT/SE2004/002017 application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the IPRP as it relates to the above-identified application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.



Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

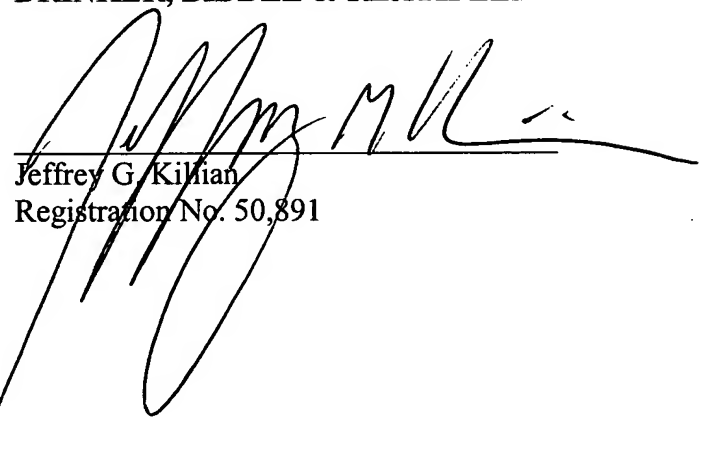
This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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